

LACONIA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NON-PUBLIC MINUTES #1

OCTOBER 27, 2014, 6:20 pm

Mayor Engler called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. Present were Mayor Engler and Councilors Ava Doyle, Brenda Baer, Robert Hamel and Armand Bolduc.

*Councilor Hamel moved to enter into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. Seconded by Councilor Baer.*

On a roll call vote of the Council, the Council entered into nonpublic session at 6:21 pm.

Councilors met with Chris Santaniello, Allison Ambrose and Marty Ilg to discuss the future of the Belknap Mill. Chris Santaniello presented a brief overview of the history of the Mill and its importance to Laconia.

The downturn in the Mill Society's finances started in 2008 due to the economy and to fewer grant opportunities for non-profits. The Mill is currently working with a bare bones staff. The Mill Society is now looking to partner with the City, BCEDC or a private concern to save the structure. There are currently funds available to finish the repair work on the cupola and the finial in the spring. There is also funding available for 35% of the cost for new windows through a Rural Development Grant. The previous problems with the boiler have been repaired but this is not a long term solution as the boiler is ancient and parts are no longer available.

Councilors Bownes and Lipman joined the meeting.

Budget figures were discussed regarding with and without a partner. Several options were considered and it was decided that a public hearing should be called to find out what the citizens would like to see happen with the Mill.

*Motion made by Councilor Baer to come out of non-public session at 6:57 pm. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

*Motion made by Councilor Hamel to seal the minutes for two (2) years. Seconded by Councilor Baer. **Motion passed unanimously.***

*Motion made by Councilor Baer to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Bolduc. **Motion passed unanimously.***

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ava Doyle

Ward 1 City Council